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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKASHI NAKANO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN THUKHANH T.
SERIAL NO: 10/552,370 :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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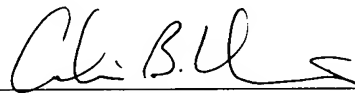
SIR:

In response to the Restriction requirement dated December 17, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Invention I corresponding to Claims 1-13. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, an early and favorable consideration of Claims 1-13 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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